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1. A clamp sinker movable between an open and closed condition comprising:
a body composed of a bendable material, said body being cone shape and having a
neutral surface, said body having a first end and a second end with said first end of said
body being smaller than the second end of said body with said body having a smoothly
converging exterior surface from said first end to said second end to form a streamline
shape that inhibits snagging and propeller action as the body is pulled through a fluid;

5 a first curved gripping surface on said body, said first curved gripping surface
undulating through said body to provide a surface free of angled corners to thereby inhibit
line damping, said first curved gripping surface extending from said first end to said
second end, said first curved gripping surface having at least one surface contouring
protrusion, said first curved gripping surface having a portion extending proximate a
geometric center of said line clamp; and

10 15 a second curved gripping surface on said body said second curved gripping surface
undulating through said body to provide a surface free of angled corners o thereby inhibit
line damping, said second curved gripping surface extending from said first end to said
second end with said second curved gripping surface including a surface contouring recess
mateable with said protrusion to produce a nonlinear path through said resilient body so
that when said second curved gripping surface and said first curved gripping surface coact
20 to grasp a line located therein to prevent the slippage of the line therein as the line is
squeezed and held therebetween by bending said line clamp around the line.

2. The line clamp sinker of claim 1 including an integral peripheral hinge connecting the
25 two jaws together, said peripheral hinge having a first line centering surface located at the
first end of said line clamp and a second line centering surface located on the second of said

line clamp, said line centering surface for maintaining said line in a centered condition within line clamp.

Substantially the same as
3. The line clamp sinker of claim 2 including a recess located between said first line centering surface and second line centering surface, said recess allowing said line clamp to require less tension force necessary to open and close the jaws of said line clamp than if said recess did not exist.

Same as
4. The line clamp of claim 1 wherein the body is a single continuous integral member with each of the line gripping surfaces asymmetrical but mateable with each other.

Same as
5. The line clamp of claim 1 wherein the body is an alloy of bismuth.

Same as
6. The line clamp of claim 2 wherein the body is finger bendable.

Same as
7. The line clamp of claim 1 wherein the body is a continuous integral member.

Same as
8. The line clamp of claim 1 wherein the line clamp has an exterior diverging surface and a set of jaws that extend the entire length of the line clamp.

Same as
9. The line clamp of claim 1 wherein the line clamp is one piece and includes two asymmetrical jaws extending to a geometric center of said line clamp with said jaws are movable between an open condition and a closed condition by pivoting the jaws.

Same as
25 10. The line clamp of claim 1 including a first relief on a top half of the sinker and a second relief on the bottom half of the sinker to permit a user to insert a fingernail or thumbnail thereon to pry apart the sinker if the sinker is in a closed condition.

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11. A clamp sinker movable between an open and closed condition comprising:
a body composed of bendable material, said body being cone shape and having a neutral surface, said body having a first end and a second end with said first end of said body being smaller than the second end of said body with said body having a smoothly converging exterior surface from said first end to said second end to form a streamline shape that inhibits snagging and propeller action as the body is pulled through a fluid;
a first line gripping surface on a first end of said body, said first line gripping surface what?
- 10 a second line gripping surface on the first end of said body for mating engagement with said firth line gripping surface;
- a third line gripping surface on said second end of said body, said third line gripping surface spaced from said first line gripping surface; and
- 15 a fourth line gripping surface on the third end of said body for mating engagement with said third line gripping surface, with said first line gripping surface and said second line gripping surface holding a line in a centered condition on the first end of the clamp sinker and the third line gripping surface and the fourth line gripping surface holding the line in a centered condition on the second end of said body.